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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: SWEDISH AND FINNISH BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS

1. DURING COURSE OF WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS ON RECENTLY
NEGOTIATED SWEDISH AND FINNISH BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREE-
MENTS, STANISLAW PATEK, NORDIC TSB REP, SURPRISED BOTH
PHELAN AND SMITH WITH STATEMENT THAT AT LEAST SEVERAL
SWEDISH (AND POSSIBLY FINNISH) BILATERALS INCLUDE COVERAGE
OF SILK AND OTHER NON-MFA FIBERS.

2. PURPOSE OF PATEK VISIT WAS TO (A) SEEK GUIDANCE AS
TO WHETHER SWEDEN AND FINLAND SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR BILAT-
ERALS TO TSB BEFORE THE COMMUNITY DOES IN VIEW OF THE
FORMER'S USE OF REASONABLE DEPARTURES, AND (B) TO ENLIST
U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE REASONABLE DEPARTURES EMBARKED UPON
BY SWEDEN AND FINLAND. IT WAS DURING COURSE OF THIS
PARTICULAR PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION THAT PATEK LET
SLIP THE FACT THAT SEVERAL OF THE BILATERALS HAVE THIS
EXPANDED FIBER COVERAGE. PHELAN AND SMITH LET PATEK
KNOW IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT U.S. WOULD OPPOSE ANY
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MFA BILATERAL SUBMITTED TO THE TSB WHICH INCLUDED FIBERS
OTHER THAN COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE.

3. PATEK WAS CLEARLY UPSET BY THIS U.S. POSITION AND
ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE U.S. SIDE THAT WE SHOULD LOOK THE
OTHER WAY WHEN THE BILATERALS CAME UP FOR TSB REVIEW.
U.S. SIDE COUNTERED BY STRONGLY SUGGESTING TO HIM THAT

THE SWEDISH AND FINNISH GOVERNMENTS TAKE THE NON-MFA
FIBER PRODUCTS OUT OF THE BILATERALS; OTHERWISE, WE
WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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